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My dear Sir.

Mr John Sprague, son of J. Sprague of the Army, a young Gentleman, who has been in a Mercantile house in this City for several years, is about to leave this for New York, with a view to perfect himself in that branch of business, and I take the liberty of Commending him to your favorable notice: Mr. S is a young Gentleman of intelligence, and good moral Character, and being desirous of Cultivating an acquaintance with some of the good people of New York, I thought I might render him a Service by an introduction to yourself and Mrs Torrey.

I find you Mr. Schoolcraft & Mr. Whiting's May address before the Historical Society, and lament that the first one delivered before that meeting by Gov. Cass is not to be had, the whole Edition having been exhausted; another one, however will soon appear, when you may expect to receive it. The three addresses present a Concise history of this Country, from down to the Conclusion of the last War. I have endeavored, in vain, to obtain

a copy of Mr. Schoolcrafts address before the Lyceum. Every copy has sold; but it will be republished, and I will then send it to you; for the present please accept a paper containing copious Extracts from the address —

Mr. S has returned from his tour, but I have learnt he will not visit, as he contemplated, New York and Washington this Winter.

Mr. Houghton, of whom you heard me speak, is now at home, but I understand visits New York this Winter; and I have no doubt you can obtain a valuable acquisition to your Botanical Collections, by application to him. I will write him on the Subject. to-day, and enclose an introductory letter:

I ought to state that Errors will be found in Mr. S' address before the Lyceum, which were corrected by him in a subsequent No.

I hope to have the pleasure of visiting your City again in a few months, when I trust I shall be allowed more leisure than was permitted to me, during my recent tour: In the mean time believe me, my dear Sir, to remain,

Very sincerely your friend

Charles Lyell

Dr. Torrey.

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